

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Criminal violence touches over 34 million Americans each year; and,

WHEREAS, Victims of crime and crises, their families and friends, often suffer grave financial, physical and emotional injuries; and,

WHEREAS, Many victims are unserved or underserved in the communities in which they live; and,

WHEREAS, Victims are still too often invisible in the traditional criminal justice system; and,

WHEREAS, All citizens of the United States deserve to be treated with dignity, compassion, and justice in times of distress; and,

WHEREAS, Heretofore such treatment has not been afforded to all crime victims, witnesses, and their loved ones or survivors; and,

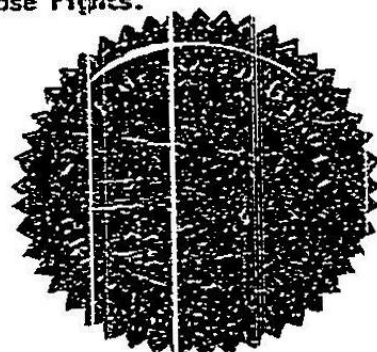
WHEREAS, The legal system of the United States was designed to be flexible and responsive to the will of the people; and,

WHEREAS, Thousands of our fellow citizens, in their work and their volunteer activities, are devoting themselves to ensuring that rights and services are established for all victims and witnesses throughout the United States:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. NICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 22 through 28, 1990, as

VICTIM RIGHTS WEEK

in South Dakota, and urge all citizens and institutions, public and private, to support the establishment and enforcement of victim rights and services in South Dakota through participation in local and state activities commemorating those rights.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. NICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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JOYCE HAZELTIME, SECRETARY OF STATE